

## **SAFETY DEFECT/NONCOMPLIANCE NOTICES RECEIVED DURING JANUARY 2008**

### **CHILD SEATS:**

Graco is recalling 18 ComfortSport child restraint systems, Model 8C02MRC2, manufactured on October 22, 2007, for failing to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 213, "Child Restraint Systems." These seats were produced with convoluted foam that was 1.5" thick instead of the 1" thick foam that Graco specified and tested. Seats with 1.5" foam have not been tested so it is unclear as to what impact this will have on compliance to the standard and on child seat safety. The purpose of this standard is to reduce the number of children killed or injured in motor vehicle crashes. Graco will notify owners and replace the affected seats. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08C-001

Evenflo is recalling 1,000,000 Models 390, 391, 534, and 552 Discovery car seats or associated travel systems manufactured from April 2005 through January 2008. In recent laboratory tests conducted by Evenflo and NHTSA to evaluate the performance of these seats in high impact side collisions, it was revealed that the car seat could potentially become separated from its base under these conditions. In the event of a side impact vehicle crash, the car seat could become separated from its base, possibly resulting in serious injury or death. Evenflo will notify registered owners and provide a free supplemental dual-hook fastener to ensure that the car seat remains attached to its base in a high impact side collision similar to those in the recent tests. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. Evenflo has not made a decision that these units contain a safety related defect; however Evenflo will provide a free supplemental dual-hook fastener. 08C-002

### **EQUIPMENT:**

Femtec is recalling 4,287 Ultra aluminum wheels, Series 223/224, 8 lug - 170 and 8 lug - 6.5, size 17" x 8." Some of these wheels may crack due to the marginal dimension on the spoke especially if mounted on tires larger than the recommended maximum tire diameter of 32.5 inches. Cracked spokes could cause eventual separation of the wheel and tire from the rim possibly resulting in a vehicle crash. Femtec will notify owners and replace the wheels with the same style or a similar product at no cost which will include free mounting and balancing. The recall began on January 2, 2008. 08E-001

Trimark is recalling 9,297 single rotor door latches with product date codes R40Z, R41Z, R42Z, R43Z, R44Z, and R45Z, installed for use as original equipment on Peterbilt and Kenworth heavy trucks. These door latches fail to comply with the transverse pull static load requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 206, "Door Locks and Door Retention Components." A malfunction in the sintering furnace did not exhaust lubricant which contaminated some parts passing through the furnace. In the event of a vehicle crash, force could cause the rotor to crack and the door would not have primary or secondary closing security which could possibly lead to injury of the vehicle occupant. Trimark is working with Paccar to notify owners and replace the door latches. Owners should contact their vehicle manufacturers for more information. 08E-002

Dana is recalling 68 pinion gears, Part Nos. 129737 and 127420, manufactured on December 4, 2007, and assembled into the axle assembly of tandem-rear or single drive axles installed as original equipment for certain International, Paccar, and Volvo heavy trucks. Wrong induction hardness process settings were used resulting in excessive hardness of the pinion gears. The excessive hardness can potentially result in the threaded end of the pinion breaking off. This failure could result in the driveshaft disconnecting from the axle, which would cause loss of vehicle power. It is also possible that the driveshaft may separate from the vehicle possibly resulting in a vehicle crash. Dana is working with the vehicle manufacturers to notify owners to have their vehicles repaired. Owners should contact their vehicle manufacturer for more information. 08E-003

Intermotive Vehicle Controls is recalling 250 wheelchair lift interlock systems, Part No. ILIS605-H3 ILIS activation kits (Interlock option for Gateway 401), sold for use as aftermarket parts for 2005-2008 Chevrolet C4500 and C5500 Kodiak) vehicles equipped with 6.6l diesel engines in which a protection diode was used. The diode can be exposed to voltage spikes greater than what it can withstand. The diode could fail, which could prevent vehicle interlock operation when a wheelchair lift is deployed. Should the diode fail, it will be possible to move the vehicle with the wheelchair deployed, which could result in injury to anyone using the lift. Intermotive will notify owners and repair the vehicles. The recall began on November 20, 2007. This recall only pertains to aftermarket Intermotive wheelchair lifts and has no relation to any original equipment installed on Chevrolet and GMC vehicles manufactured by General Motors. 08E-004

VCAN International is recalling 29,134 VCAN and Outlaw motorcycle helmets, Model V530, sizes XS, S, M, L, XL, and XXL, for failing to comply with the penetration, strap retention, and labeling requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218, "Motorcycle Helmets." In the event of a crash, the wearer of one of these helmets may not be adequately protected possibly resulting in serious injury. VCAN will notify owners and replace the helmet. The manufacturer has not yet provided the agency with a notification schedule. This recall was the subject of an investigation, OA-218-070919, conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance. 08E-005

Hyundai is recalling 185 aftermarket Expressway 996 (Part No. 00285-03000) and Expressway 995 (Part No. 00285-03001) hitch style bicycle racks received from Thule, Inc. during January and February 2005. A pinch bolt exists between the bicycle arm bracket and the upright assembly of the "hitch" style bicycle rack. When moving the bicycle arm bracket to its down position, this pinch bolt has the potential of causing severe laceration or amputation to the user's fingertips or hand. Thule will provide a repair kit and instructions to owners of these bicycle racks. 08E-006

Active Technology is working with DoubleTree RV to recall 359 Actibrake electric-hydraulic actuators, Part No. AB-1-14. These actuators are used on hydraulic disc brakes and installed as original equipment on certain DoubleTree trailers. The trailer wiring configuration of the circuit breaker allows high current to be continuously applied to the Actibrake even after the trailer circuit breaker is tripped and the 30 amp fuse on the Actibrake is blown. Therefore there is a situation wherein the 50 amp breaker in the trailer wiring does not protect the Actibrake battery charger circuit from over-current. Trailer brakes are not operative with an incapacitated brake actuator, possibly resulting in a vehicle crash. Active Technology is working with DoubleTree to notify owners and repair the trailers (please see 08V040). 08E-007

Terex is recalling 4,060 TC, TCX, XM, RM, RMX, OM, TM, HA, 6-Series, and FC Series aerial devices equipped with hydraulic rotary selector valves, Part Nos. 68698, 459713, 463130, 476618, and 9118243, manufactured between January 1996 and January 1, 2008. The valve is used on closed center, hydraulic system aerial devices. Failure can occur when the vehicle is parked and the aerial device is operating. The aerial devices are installed on trucks to transport the aerial device to the work site to facilitate working on electrical power lines and communication lines. Failure of the valve may cause loss of oil, the handle being expelled at high speed, and the machine will be inoperable, which may result in serious injury or death to the operator. Terex will notify owners and replace the defective hydraulic rotary select valve. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08E-008

Terex is recalling 1,167 TC Series aerial devices equipped with check valve, Part No. 443847, installed from September 2001 until March 2007. The valve is located on the lower boom lift cylinder. Failure can occur only when the vehicle is parked and the aerial device is in operation. The check valve is used in retiming of the boom when the platform is out of level. The flow through the check valve can cause the snap ring to fail if the retiming flow is abnormally high. The check valve components will flow into the lift cylinder if the snap ring fails. Debris may scratch the cylinder wall or get into holding valves and cause the platform to drift down slowly, which could possibly result in serious injury or death to the platform user. Terex will notify owners and replace the defective check valves. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08E-009

## **TIRES:**

FTS is recalling 350 FTS chassis container tires with the brand name Direction, size 11.22.5, for failing to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 119, "New Pneumatic Tires." These tires were not branded with the maximum single use load range. The manufacturer has not provided a description of the consequence as it relates to motor vehicle safety. FTS will notify owners and bring the tires into compliance by branding them with the required information. The manufacturer has not yet provided the agency with a notification schedule. 08T-001

FTS is recalling 7,350 FTS chassis container tires with the brand name Maersk, sizes 11.22.5 and 10.00-20, for failing to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 119, "New Pneumatic Tires." These tires were not branded with the maximum single use load range. The manufacturer has not provided a description of the consequence as it relates to motor vehicle safety. FTS will notify owners and bring the tires into compliance by branding them with the required information. The manufacturer has not yet provided the agency with a notification schedule. 08T-002

## **VEHICLES:**

Monaco is recalling 113 MY 2007-2008 Simba Toyhauler Class A motor homes. These motor homes lack the required jounce clearance between the rear wheels. The tires may rub on the flat panels that enclose the holding tank area and the screws which secure these panels may rub the inner sidewall of the rear dual tires. If the screws continue to rub the inner rear dual tire, it is possible that there could eventually be a tire failure. A tire blow out could result in a loss of control of the vehicle increasing the risk of a crash. In addition, if the vehicle is run on a flat tire, this could lead to a potential fire in the wheel well area. Dealers will remove the rear dual tires and cut out an area of foam from the inner wheel wells that will be replaced with a piece of ABS plastic formed panel and an angle to seal the area. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08V-001

Paccar is recalling 2,794 MY 2008 Kenworth 953, C500, K500, T2000, T300, T6000, T800, W900 and Peterbilt 320, 325, 330, 335, 340, 365, 367, 384, 386, 387, 388, 389, and 389K trucks equipped with Eaton Synflex Eclipse brand extruded nylon air brake hose tubing for failing to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 106, "Brake Hoses." The tubing was manufactured with only four layers of nylon material, instead of the specified five layers. The diameter of the hose affects the fittings which may allow air to leak from the brakes and create the potential for a vehicle crash. Dealers will inspect the air brake hoses and, if necessary, replace the hoses. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule for this campaign. 08V-002

NABI is recalling 92 MY 2006 60BRT articulated 60' transit buses. The main castings may prematurely fail. If the casting fractures, loss of vehicle control could occur increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will replace the main castings. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08V-004

Western RV is recalling 85 MY Alpine Coach Class A motor homes equipped with Atwood sealed burner ranges. The range and slide-in burner tubes leading from the gas manifold to the burner heads had a depression or "kink" in the exterior bend restricting proper airflow and gas mixture. This condition could result in carbon monoxide poisoning. Western RV is working with Atwood to have the tubes replaced on these ranges. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule for this campaign. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EA07-006, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-005

Mercedes-Benz is recalling 9,004 MY 2007 E-Class, GL-Class, M-Class and R-Class vehicles equipped with diesel engines. The crankshaft sensor could fail due to separation of bond wires from the lead frame in the sensor. This results in an interruption in the electrical connection in the chip housing of the sensor. When this happens, the vehicle may lose power rather than enter a limp-home mode. In addition, the vehicle cannot be restarted after failure of the electrical connection in the sensor, increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will replace the crankshaft sensor. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08V-006

Prevost is recalling 600 MY 2004-2008 H3-41, H3-45, MY 2007-2008 X3-45, and MY 2004-2006 XLII motor coaches equipped with ZF/Arens Astronic shift selectors. A cell phone placed in the proximity of the shifter touch pad could cause the display to change from 'R' (reverse) to 'D' (drive) should the phone receive a call. This interference can cause the transmission to not operate or cause improper shifting, as forward gear can be engaged from neutral only, if the vehicle has been stopped, and if the brake pedal has been depressed. If the malfunction occurs while 'R' (reverse) is being

selected, the shifter may possibly change to 'D' (drive), increasing the risk of a crash. Prevost will mail stickers and installation instructions to their owners and will also arrange to have the transmission software upgraded. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08V-007

Gillig is recalling 249 MY 2006-2007 Phantom and Low Floor transit buses equipped with Graham-White air dryers. The air dryer timer modules may allow sufficient quantities of moisture to enter and affect the operation of the vehicle air brake system. Failure of the air brake system due to moisture could result in a crash. Gillig, in conjunction with Graham-White, will replace the air dryer timer module on the affected vehicles. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ07-001, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-008

Four Winds is recalling 35 MY 2007-2008 Presidio 400 and MY 2008 Presidio 360 motor homes built on Freightliner chassis and equipped with Axle Alliance Company (AAC) front axles. The fasteners that attach the steering arm or tie rod arms to the spindle may be over or under-tightened. Incorrectly torqued steering arm fasteners may fatigue and fracture which could cause a crash without warning. Four Winds will be working with Freightliner to repair these vehicles. 08V-009

New Flyer is recalling 1,049 MY 2006-2007 C40LFR, D40LF, D35LF, D40LFR, DE41LFR, MY 2006 DE41LF, and MY 2007 DE35LF, D35LFR, and D61LFR buses. These buses have stainless steel hydraulic lines with 90° flange fittings which are subject to failure due to errors in both the design and manufacture of these lines. Failure of these lines, located in the engine compartment, could result in a vehicle fire. New Flyer will remove these lines and replace them with a previously proven design of flexible lines. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08V-010

International is recalling 1,027 MY 2006-2007 BE, CE, FE, and RE school buses and MY 2006-2007 CE and FE commercial buses for failing to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 404, "Platform Lift Installations in Motor Vehicles." A passenger can approach the exposed lift doorway without the audible alarm alerting them of their proximity to the threshold. Should the threshold warning system fail to operate, the lift user can fall from the vehicle and be seriously injured. International is working with Braun to have the doorway lift fixed (please see 06E094). 08V-011

Triple E is recalling 141 MY 2004-2008 Empress motor homes built on Freightliner chassis and equipped with ZF Model 8018 steering gears. These gears may have been assembled with the incorrect recirculating ball spacer. This could potentially allow the recirculation balls to escape from the recirculation ball circuit resulting in a loss of steering. The operator may notice higher required steering wheel inputs, or the need for more steering wheel adjustments while driving in a straight line in combination with metallic cracking noises prior to a loss of steering. Loss of steering could result in a vehicle crash. Triple E is working with Freightliner and ZF to replace the steering gear (please see 07V343 and 07E049). This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EA07-004, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-012

Fleetwood is recalling 376 MY 2008 Expedition, Bounder Diesel, Discovery, Providence, Excursion and Revolution LE motor homes equipped with a field effect transistor (FET) board built by Magnum Energy, Inc. The circuitry inside certain inverters can cause an inoperative condition resulting in overheating of the inverter. Overheating of the inverter may result in a potential fire. Dealers will inspect and replace the inverter. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08V-013

Glaval is recalling 215 MY 2006-2007 Universal, Primetime, Titan, Titan II, Concorde II, and MB-55 transit buses for failing to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 404, "Platform Lift Installations in Motor Vehicles." A passenger can approach the exposed lift doorway without the audible alarm alerting them of their proximity to the threshold. Should the threshold warning system fail to operate, the lift user can fall from the vehicle and be seriously injured. Glaval is working with Braun to have the doorway lift fixed (please see 06E094). 08V-014

Newmar is recalling 126 MY 2004-2005 Essex, Dutch Star, and Mountain Aire Diesel Pusher motor home chassis built on Freightliner VCL or XC chassis and equipped with ZF model 8018 steering gears. These gears may have been assembled with the incorrect recirculating ball spacer. This could potentially allow the recirculating balls to escape from the recirculating ball circuit resulting in a loss of steering. The operator may notice higher required steering wheel inputs, or the need for more steering wheel adjustments while driving in a straight line in combination with metallic cracking noises prior to a loss of steering. Loss of steering could result in a vehicle crash. Newmar is working with Freightliner and ZF to replace the steering gear (please see 07V-343 and 07E049). This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EA07-004, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-015

Alfa Leisure is recalling 603 MY 2003-2008 Gold and MY 2007 See Ya motor homes built on Freightliner chassis and equipped with ZF Model 8018 steering gears. These gears may have been assembled with the incorrect recirculating ball spacer. This could potentially allow the recirculation balls to escape from the recirculation ball circuit resulting in a loss of steering. The operator may notice higher required steering wheel inputs, or the need for more steering wheel adjustments while driving in a straight line in combination with metallic cracking noises prior to a loss of steering. Loss of steering could result in a vehicle crash. Alfa Leisure is working with Freightliner and ZF to replace the steering gear (please see 07V343 and 07E049). This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EA07-004, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-016

Damon is recalling 73 MY 2004-2005 Escaper motor home chassis built on Freightliner chassis and equipped with ZF Model 8018 steering gears. These gears may have been assembled with the incorrect recirculating ball spacer. This could potentially allow the recirculation balls to escape from the recirculation ball circuit resulting in a loss of steering. The operator may notice higher required steering wheel inputs, or the need for more steering wheel adjustments while driving in a straight line in combination with metallic cracking noises prior to a loss of steering. Loss of steering could result in a vehicle crash. Damon is working with Freightliner and ZF to replace the steering gear (please see 07V343 and 07E049). This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EA07-004, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-017

Collins is recalling 296 MY 2005-2006 Bantam, Grand Bantam, Super Bantam, and Omni school buses for failing to comply with all the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies," and No. 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages." The web of the belt rubs up against the retractor's metal sleeve causing friction and abrasion, and over time, may fray the belt. In the event of a vehicle crash, the seat occupant may not be properly restrained possibly resulting in injury. Collins will notify owners and replace the seat belt. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08V-018

Coachmen is recalling 116 MY 2007-2008 Sportscoach Elite Class A motor homes built on Freightliner chassis and equipped with ZF Model 8018 steering gears. These gears may have been assembled with the incorrect recirculating ball spacer. This could potentially allow the recirculation balls to escape from the recirculation ball circuit resulting in a loss of steering. The operator may notice higher required steering wheel inputs, or the need for more steering wheel adjustments while driving in a straight line in combination with metallic cracking noises prior to a loss of steering. Loss of steering could result in a vehicle crash. Coachmen is working with Freightliner and ZF to replace the steering gear (please see 07V343 and 07E049). This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EA07-004, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-019

Pierce is recalling 22 MY 2007 Arrow XT, Dash, Lance, Enforcer, Quantum, Saber, Velocity, and Impel fire trucks equipped with TRW steering gears, Models TAS85 and RCS85. These steering gears contain potentially defective sector shafts with an incorrect gear tooth which may interfere with the rack-piston teeth, resulting in a stick or bind condition. This condition has the potential to cause the steering gear to stall and restrict the steering turning angle of the vehicle which could result in a vehicle crash. Pierce is working with TRW to replace the defective steering gear (please see 07E101). The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EA08-002, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-020

New Horizons is recalling 77 MY 2007 fifth wheel travel trailers equipped with Atwood sealed burner ranges. The range and slide-in burner tubes leading from the gas manifold to the burner heads had a depression or "kink" in the exterior bend restricting proper airflow and gas mixture. This condition could result in carbon monoxide poisoning. New Horizons is working with Atwood to have the tubes replaced on these ranges. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EA07-006, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-021

Mitsubishi is recalling 7,340 MY 2006-2007 Endeavor vehicles. The right side lower seat belt anchor may separate during a severe vehicle crash. A severe crash could allow the seat belt to not properly restrain the passenger and potentially result in injury or death. Dealers will replace the front passenger side seat belt and bracket assembly. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08V-022

National RV is recalling 107 MY 2008 Dolphin, Pacifica, Sea Breeze, and Tropi-Cal motor homes for failing to comply with all the requirements of Part 567, 'Certification.' The vehicles were provided with incorrect Federal certification labels. The tags could contain erroneous information regarding chassis model, weight and tire pressure. National RV will provide customers with corrected Federal certification labels and corrected RVIA consumer information stickers by certified mail along with installation instructions. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), an agency of the United States Department of Transportation, has been notified that National RV, Inc. and its holding company, National RV Holdings, Inc., have filed for bankruptcy. NHTSA has been advised that owners who wish to pursue claims related to safety recall repair work on their National RV vehicles may file a proof of claim with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, Riverside Division. The case number assigned to this matter is 07-17941. The Proof of Claim form and instructions are available online at the Court's website [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov). Additional information about the bankruptcy and its proceedings may also be found at [www.omnimgt.com/nationalrv](http://www.omnimgt.com/nationalrv). National RV's phone number is (951) 943-6007. Information about safety recalls on National RV's products may be found at [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov). The NHTSA wishes to advise owners of recalled products that, in the interests of their safety and the

safety of the motoring public, all safety recall work should be performed on motor vehicles and items of equipment. 08V-023

Autocar is recalling 28 MY 2007-2008 WX vehicles. These vehicles were built with a telescoping steering shaft between the in-cab steering components and the power steering gear box, located on the vehicle's frame. The steering shaft has been determined to be too long. The additional length in the steering shaft results in the need for increased steering effort on the part of the vehicle's driver. The driver may not be prepared for such need, which could result in an unpredictable reaction by the driver, increasing the risk of a crash. Autocar will provide instructions for scheduling the repair of these vehicles at an authorized Autocar service facility. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08V-024

Newmar is recalling 5,575 MY 1994-2003 Dutch Star, Kountry Aire, Kountry Star, Mountain Aire, and Scottsdale Class A motor homes constructed on Ford F-53TY1 and P131 motor home chassis and equipped with speed control. The speed control deactivation switch may overheat. Overheating could result in smoke or burn and an underhood fire. Newmar is working with Ford to install a fused wiring harness into the speed control system. (Note: see Ford recalls 05V017, 05V388, 06V286, 07V078 and 07V336). This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EA05-005, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-025

Goshen Coach is recalling 746 MY 2005-2006 Pacer II, GC II, Sentinel, and Euroshuttle buses equipped with Braun platform lifts for failing to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 404, "Platform Lift Installations in Motor Vehicles." A passenger can approach the exposed lift doorway without the audible alarm alerting them of their proximity to the threshold. Should the threshold warning system fail to operate, the lift user can fall from the vehicle and be seriously injured. Goshen Coach is working with Braun to have the doorway lift fixed (please see 06E094). 08V-026

Tiffin is recalling 1,292 MY 2005-2008 Allegro motor homes built on Freightliner chassis and equipped with ZF Model 8018 steering gears. These gears may have been assembled with the incorrect recirculating ball spacer. This could potentially allow the recirculating balls to escape from the recirculating ball circuit resulting in a loss of steering. The operator may notice higher required steering wheel inputs, or the need for more steering wheel adjustments while driving in a straight line in combination with metallic cracking noises prior to a loss of steering. Loss of steering could result in a vehicle crash. Tiffin is working with Freightliner and ZF to replace the steering gear (please see 07V343 and 07E049). This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EA07-004, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-027

Volvo Trucks is recalling 798 MY 2008 VNL and VT vehicles. An incorrect software parameter was loaded which resulted in the diesel particulate filter (DPF) 'inhibit' function being disabled. The 'inhibit' function is a means for the driver to stop a DPF regeneration from occurring if a vehicle is in a location that may present a hazardous situation. If the driver believes that regeneration has been stopped when it has not, it could result in a fire. Dealers will change the control parameters. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08V-028

Daimler Trucks North America (DTNA) is recalling an undetermined quantity of MY 2008 Columbia, Cascadia, Century Class trucks and XCR motor home chassis. Incorrect fasteners may not provide adequate clamping force between the brake caliper and brake anchor plate potentially resulting in reduced brake effectiveness. Reduced brake effectiveness could lead to a vehicle crash.



Dealers will inspect the vehicles to determine if incorrect bolts were used. If incorrect bolts are found, vehicles will be inspected for possible additional damage and repaired as required. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. 08V-029

Eldorado National – Kansas (ENK) is recalling 14 MY 2006-2008 Aero Elite buses built on Chevrolet chassis and equipped with Link suspension brackets. The axle side lateral control rod bracket of the suspension has cracked in some cases. This crack could result in a failure of the bracket. If the lateral control rod bracket fractures, the handling of the vehicle will be adversely affected, including possible loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash. ENK is working with Link to repair these buses (please see 07E086). 08V-030

Daimler Trucks is recalling 141 MY 2008 Classic XL, FLD Classic, and FLD SD trucks and trucktractors. The jam nuts on the brake pushrod between the pedal and the brake valve may not have been tightened. These nuts secure the adjustment of the brake pedal pushrod. This could result in a gradual loss in braking performance leading to a possible vehicle crash without prior warning. Dealers will inspect and correct the brake pedal pushrod assembly. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. 08V-031

Volvo is recalling 1,900 MY 2008 V70 and XC70 vehicles equipped with rear integrated booster seats for failing to comply with the labeling requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 213, "Child Restraint Systems." Labels on the affected vehicles are missing warning information indicating that 'death or serious injury can occur' if the manufacturer's instructions are not followed when using child restraint systems. This standard specifies requirements for child restraint systems used in motor vehicles and aircraft for the purpose of reducing the number of children killed or injured in motor vehicle crashes and in aircraft. Dealers will install a new label with the correct warning information. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule for this campaign. 08V-032

Volvo is recalling 23,000 MY 2004-2006 S40 and V50 vehicles sold in or currently registered in the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia. Reoccurring, long-term exposure to certain environmental conditions such as salty-wet conditions, it is possible for the pump electronic module (PEM) to become corroded internally. This can cause a faulty signal to the fuel pump, resulting in low or no fuel pressure to the engine. If this occurs, the check engine light may illuminate. In some cases, the vehicle may fail to start or may stall, increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will replace the PEM and install it in a new location to prevent corrosion. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule for this campaign. 08V-033

Four Winds is recalling 10 MY 2008 Presidio 360 and Mandalay motor homes built on Freightliner chassis and equipped with Bendix SR-7 spring brake modulating valves. The internal rubber check valve may leak causing a delay in the application of the spring brakes to park the vehicle after the operator pulls the dash valve button. This could cause a delay or failure in applying the parking brakes which could result in a vehicle roll away, increasing the risk of a crash. Four Winds is working with Freightliner and Bendix to install a check valve repair kit for the affected SR-7 spring brake modulating valve (please see 07V302 and 07E037). The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule for this campaign. 08V-034

Volkswagen is recalling 96 MY 2008 Touareg vehicles. A fuel supply line was changed during production which could lead to insufficient sealing of the fuel supply line connector. This condition could lead to a fuel leak. Fuel leakage in the presence of an ignition source could result in a fire. Dealers will inspect and replace the fuel supply line, if necessary. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08V-035

Volkswagen is recalling 510 MY 2008 New Beetle Special Edition Triple White Sedan vehicles. An incorrect adhesive may have been used to attach the roof spoiler to the rear glass of the vehicle. If the incorrect adhesive was used, the spoiler could become loose or fall from the vehicle without warning, even though initially the spoiler may feel secure. If this happens, the spoiler could cause injury by striking persons outside the vehicle or could become an obstacle to other drivers, possibly resulting in a crash. Dealers will replace the roof spoiler on these vehicles. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08V-036

Keystone RV is recalling 247 MY Fuzion fifth wheel travel trailers. The propane hose for the slide room is too long allowing the hose to hang down too close to the tire. The propane line may become damaged as a result of contact with the tire. A propane leak, in the presence of an ignition source, could result in a fire and/or explosion causing property damage and/or personal injury. Dealers will replace the propane hose with one of shorter length and will also shorten the hose support to move the hose away from the tire. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08V-037

Elgin Sweeper is recalling 66 MY 2006-2008 Broom Bear sweepers equipped with compressed natural gas (CNG). Sweeping debris may build up in front of the rear axle and in the exhaust discharge pipe. Under heavy sweeping conditions, the CNG exhaust temperatures can exceed 800 degrees. The exhaust temperature could ignite the debris. Personnel near the street sweeper could be injured or property damage could occur. Elgin will install a new exhaust system in these vehicles that will redirect the exhaust discharge away from the elevator system and debris. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08V-038

Eldorado National – California (ENC) is recalling 31 MY 2005-2007 MST, MST II, and Transmark buses equipped with Ricon platform style wheelchair lifts for failing to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 404, "Platform Lift Installations in Motor Vehicles." The threshold warning system may not detect the presence of a wheelchair or mobility aid user in a certain spot within the defined threshold area. The user of the lift could be injured should the lift move unintentionally. ENC is working with Ricon to correct the wheelchair lift (please see 07E095). 08V-039

DoubleTree RV is recalling 359 MY 2007 Elite, Mobile Suite, and Select Suite fifth wheel travel trailers equipped with a disc brake system produced by Active Technology. ActiBrake actuators installed on these vehicles, over time, may overheat damaging the braking system. This could create a fire or loss of braking power increasing the risk of a crash. DoubleTree is working with Active Technology to repair these vehicles (please see 08E007). The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08V-040

International is recalling 4,360 MY 2008-2009 ProStar trucks. The retention system of the pin that attaches the hood travel limiting shock to the mounting bracket on top of the radiator may become disabled due to interference between it and the grab handle pocket of the hood. This could allow the pin to work out of the connection resulting in the hood separating from the shock. With the vehicle in a stationary position, this condition may cause a situation where the individual opening the hood

would have to manually support the weight of the hood without warning which could result in personal injury. Dealers will replace the hood/hood travel limiting shock connection pin and pin retention system with a system that does not interfere with the hood grab handle pocket. The recall is expected to begin during April 2008. 08V-041

Glaval is recalling 62 MY 2007-2008 Synergy transit buses built on Freightliner XB-R chassis and equipped with ZF Model 8018 steering gears. These gears may have been assembled with the incorrect recirculating ball spacer. This could potentially allow the recirculation balls to escape from the recirculation ball circuit resulting in a loss of steering. The operator may notice higher required steering wheel inputs, or the need for more steering wheel adjustments while driving in a straight line in combination with metallic cracking noises prior to a loss of steering. Loss of steering could result in a vehicle crash. Glaval is working with Freightliner and ZF to replace the steering gear (please see 07V343 and 07E049). This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EA07-004, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-042

Eldorado National - California (ENC) is recalling 21 MY 2005-2007 MST, MST II and Transmark buses equipped with Ricon platform style wheelchair lifts manufactured from April 2005 to June 2007. The lifts fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 404, "Platform Lift Installations in Motor Vehicles." The anti-stow interlock may not detect the presence of a wheelchair or mobility aid user. The pressure sensing switch that detects the presence of weight on the platform was not adjusted to the necessary sensitivity level. The lift could stow even though someone or something is still on the lift. A lift occupant can be injured should the lift begin to stow unintentionally. ENC is working with Ricon to correct the wheelchair lift (please see 07E097). 08V-043

Triple E RV is recalling 21 MY 2007 Empress, Regency, Regal, and Senator motor homes equipped with Atwood sealed burner ranges. The range and slide-in burner tubes leading from the gas manifold to the burner heads had a depression or 'kink' in the exterior bend restricting proper airflow and gas mixture. This condition could result in carbon monoxide poisoning. Triple E RV is working with Atwood to have the tubes replaced on these ranges (please see 07E030). This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EA07-006, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-044

Nissan is recalling 5,523 MY 2008 Titan, Frontier and Xterra vehicles for failing to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110, 'Tire Selection and Rims for Motor Vehicles.' The tire placard lists an incorrect vehicle capacity weight. This standard specifies requirements for tire selection to prevent overloading. Nissan will mail a correct tire placard and installation instructions to owners of the affected vehicles. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. 08V-045

GM is recalling 181,516 MY 2006-2008 Chevrolet HHR vehicles not equipped with optional roof rail air bags for failing to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 201, 'Occupant Protection in Interior Impact.' In tests, one of the upper interior occupant protection test points exceeded the standard's requirement. This standard specifies performance requirements to provide head impact protection for occupants. Dealers will install an energy-absorbing plastic piece to the headliner trim. The recall is expected to begin during March 2008. This recall was the subject of an investigation, OA-201-060918B, conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance. 08V-046

Kawasaki is recalling 4,645 MY 2008 ZG1400A8F, ZG1400A8FL, ZG1400B8F, and ZG1400B8FL motorcycles. The pivot pin for the latches that secure the saddlebags to the vehicle can break if force is applied to either saddlebag, such as in the event the vehicle falls over while parked or if the saddlebag is improperly attached. Continued use of the vehicle with either saddlebag latch broken can result in the saddlebag coming free of its mount during vehicle operation, creating the possibility of a crash resulting in injury or death. Dealers will replace the saddlebag latch assemblies with reinforced latches. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08V-047

Kawasaki is recalling 3,611 MY 2008 ZG1400A8F, ZG1400A8FL, ZG1400B8F, and ZG1400B8FL motorcycles. The rear carrier platform could break if a Kawasaki genuine accessory luggage system is installed on the carrier platform and a passenger leans against it. The carrier platform and luggage system could become detached from the vehicle, creating the potential for a crash which could result in injury or death. Dealers will inspect and replace the rear carrier platform if necessary. The recall is expected to begin during February 2008. 08V-048